



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: March 14, 2016

- It has been a very busy winter with noteworthy accomplishments by students and staff members. Most recently:
 - The Speech and Debate Team qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League' Grand National Tournament on Memorial Day weekend in Sacramento, CA. by their results in the Allentown Diocese Forensics League:
 - Alexander B. and David R. - 1st place Duo Interpretation
 - Talia T. - 1st place Oral Interpretation
 - Fiona B. and Lucy Z. - 2nd place Duo Interpretation
 - Bryanne K. - 2nd place Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Naomi L. - 2nd place Original Oratory
 - Melissa S. - 2nd place Oral Interpretation
 - Kullen Y. - 2nd place Student Congress
 - Georgian F.- 3rd place Dramatic Performance
 - Ryan S. - 3rd place Student Congress
 - Alexandra C. - 4th place Oral Interpretation (alternate)
 - Sarah M. - 4th place Original Oratory (alternate)
- Winter athletic teams finished extremely well, as reported previously, but since the last report:
 - Girls Varsity Basketball had an outstanding season, making to two State playoff games. The team lost to Berks Catholic by 2 points in the last seconds of the game.
 - Erin D, for placed first in the 2016 District XI AA Girls' Diving Championship. Erin will be competing in the PIAA Diving Championships at Bucknell University on March 18 and 19.
 - The Girls Swimming/Diving Team for won the District XI AA Girls' Swimming/Diving Championship for the 7th consecutive year.
 - Swimmers freceived medals at the 2016 District XI Swimming Championships:
 - Third Place – AA Girls 200 yd. freestyle – Angela B.
 - Second Place – AA Girls 100 yd. butterfly – Samantha T.
 - First Place – AA Girls 200 yd. freestyle relay – Gwynn K., Katerina S., Samantha T., Zoe G.
 - Second Place – AA Girls 500 yd. freestyle – Zoe G.
 - Third Place – AA Girls 500 yd. freestyle – Angela B.
 - First Place – AA Girls 400 yd. freestyle relay – Gwynn K., Angela B., Samantha T., Zoe G.

- Third Place – AAA Boys 200 yd. medley relay – Chris, S., Andrew J., Janik W., Raahi K.
- Second Place – AAA Boys 100 yd. butterfly – Janik W.
- Fourth Place – AAA Boys 500 yd. freestyle – Janik W. – Janik set a new school record with a time of 4:53.40
- Third Place – AAA Boys 400 yd. freestyle relay – Janik W., Kyle R. Andrew J., Raahi K.
- Congratulations to the Girls 200 yd. freestyle relay team and the 400 yd. freestyle relay team for placing first and qualifying for the 2016 PIAA AA Girls' Swimming Championships at Bucknell University on March 18 and 19.
- Spring sports are underway as of last week- the first time in about 10 years that practices were able to start outdoors, thanks to the incredible weather we experienced.
- The High School hosted the second annual SLHS Symposium. This year over 400 students participated in the science fair, crime scene displays, art show and Tech Ed demonstrations. Local community members including university professors, scientists, engineers and outside educators acted as judges for over 80 student science fair displays. Students were interviewed individually and had to explain and defend their experiment and their scientific analysis. Many science classes including Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Zoology, AP Environmental Science, Biology, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry and Forensics participated in the science fair, while TSA (Technology Student Association) displayed their 3-D printed items and the art students presented their work including many Scholastic Art Award winning projects and ceramic projects.
- The Meistersingers performed on March 1st, at the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg as part of the 'Music in our Schools' month program.
- High School students, Luke S. placed 1st overall on Clarinet at PMEA District Band and Shannon Q. earned high honors on the violin at PMEA District Orchestra. Both will advance to PMEA Regionals.
- Congratulations to junior Allison B., who placed first in newspaper feature writing at the Pennsylvania School Press Association regional student journalism competition held at Penn State Lehigh Valley in December and has qualified for the state journalism competition that will be held in State College on March 4th!
- The Middle School presented their spring musical, *Guys and Dolls* this past week/weekend. The show was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- The middle school hosted a Parent Workshop presented by The Center for Humanistic Change, on Wednesday, March 9, about current drug trends in the Lehigh Valley.. About-50 parents from all levels attended this informational session. The High school is working on plans for a similar parent session from the Livengrin Foundation and one of our alumni who works there with updates on opioid addiction.
- The High School & Middle School hosted about 25 local educators on March 9 for an Apple event to share information on our technology integration.